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State Fire Marshal Reminds People to Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Every year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to also change the batteries in your smoke detectors and now your carbon monoxide alarms. "The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are sleeping," says State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan. "Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce fire home deaths. Children and senior citizens are most at risk, and a working smoke alarm can give them the extra seconds they need to get out safely." This year, buy fresh batteries for your smoke detectors and your new carbon monoxide alarms. Remember that on Sunday, November 4, when you *Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries*.